

## Public Relations Kyotango Magazine – January 2024



### Population and Number of Households in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of October 2023	End of November 2023	Change
Total Population	51,153	51,095	-58
Male	24,610	24,580	-30
Female	26,543	26,515	-28
Households	22,977	22,972	-5
By Main Criteria (from 11/1~11/30)	Move-In		58
	Move-Out		57
	Births		18
	Deaths		78
Changes Due to Other Reasons			1

## Adjustments to the City’s Budget

Most of the changes to the City’s budget have been made to address the rising costs of everyday goods (national subsidy), tourism and agricultural facilities, disaster recovery, etc.

### National Subsidy

#### Special Assistance Fund for Low-Income Families

To lessen the burden of the rising costs of everyday goods, the government will provide 70K JPY per household in financial assistance to low-income households (e.g. households below the taxable income level for residence tax, households whose financial situations have changed suddenly and considerably).

#### Who is eligible to receive assistance?

- 1) Households that are below the taxable income level and do not have to pay their 2023 residence taxes (Reiwa 5)
- 2) Households whose financial situations have suddenly changed and the total household income has fallen below the taxable amount for residence tax (but do not apply to 1).

**Financial Assistance**  
**70,000 JPY per**  
**low-income household**

By the **Welfare Section** TEL 0772-69-0310

### International Exchange News

**“Don’t Act Like We’re Invisible.”**

#### **A Talk Event Between Taro Tamura and Vlas Kobara**

On December 14<sup>th</sup> at Agri Center Omiya, Kyotango City’s Intercultural Advisor Taro Tamura and openly-gay entertainer and spokesperson Vlas Kobara spoke at a talk event aiming to educate the public about human rights and diversity issues.

Vlas first came to Japan when he was six years old, and talked about his



experience growing up, forming relationships, and being gay in Japan. “You don’t have to try to understand the differences in being a foreigner or being LGBTQ. But, you should know that these kinds of people exist. Please don’t act like we’re invisible,” Vlas said in his commentary. Around 90 people attend the talk event. Through the laughter and bouncing dialogue between the two panelists, the event provided an opportunity for everyone to learn about making wonderful discoveries on what it means to be different and to develop deeper sensitivities.

## **Please Keep Our Roads Safe!**

### **Don’t Get into Accidents. Don’t Cause Accidents.**

#### **For Drivers**

- Refrain from driving if you are feeling unwell
- Turn on your headlights early at 4PM
- Drive carefully with plenty of space around your vehicle and make sure everyone has their seatbelts on.



#### **For Pedestrians and Cyclists**

- Try to stand out! Wear bright colors and clothing with reflective material
- Be sure to wear a helmet when riding your bicycle

By the **Kyotango City Police Department** TEL 0772-62-0110

## **Stop Illegal Dumping!**

When garbage is dumped illegally along farm roads, forests, empty lots, and other hard-to-see places, **the effects don’t stop there**. Not only does the garbage affect the local scenery, but also invites future illegal dumping, contributes to soil and water pollution, and worsens hygiene in the local environment.

### **Illegal Dumping is a Crime.**

People who dump illegally can be sentenced up to five years in prison, fined up to 10 million yen (if an organization or business, up to 300 million yen), or both according to the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act.

- **To Prevent Illegal Dumping...**

Clear grasses and weeds from your plots of land and set up fencing to prevent people from illegally dumping their garbage.



- **Call 110 if you see Illegal Dumping!**

If you see someone dumping illegally or illegally dumped garbage, please report to the police where and what kind of garbage has been dumped.

By the **Life Environment Section** TEL 0772-69-0240

## **Did You Know About the Food Pantry?**

In Kyotango City, there are many households that continue to suffer economic hardships from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and rising costs of everyday goods. To help these households in need, the **Kyotango City Social Welfare Council** (also known as “*Sha-kyo*”) has set up special sites where people can donate their extra food and daily supplies. The Social Welfare Council is collaborating with Family Mart and **has set up a Food Drive donation box at the Family Mart in Sugitani (Mineyama) where you can donate anytime.**



For more information about the Family Mart Food Drive, scan here (Japanese):



### **Please Donate Your Extra Food and Daily Supplies!**

- **Rice and Other Foods**

Unopened or unused food items that can be stored at room temperature. Best by date (*shomi kigen*) must at least be two months away.

✕ *Alcoholic drinks (includes non-alcoholic cocktails, etc.), homemade fermented foods such as miso paste and pickles, and fresh vegetables will not be accepted.*

- **Daily Supplies**

Soaps/detergents, tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers

※Unopened, unused items only

### **Where to Donate**

- Kyotango City Social Welfare Council's Main Office (Yasaka) or branch offices located in every town
- Family Mart Sugitani Branch Store in Mineyama (food only)

By the **Kyotango City Social Welfare Council** TEL 0772-65-2100